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SUBJECT: ITU: TELEX CODE FOR MARISAT

REF: FREEMAN-FRIEDLAND TELECON MARCH 16

1. DEPUTY SYG BUTLER INFORMED MISSION MARCH 16 THAT COMSAT GENERAL CORP HAD APPROACHED CCITT DIRECTOR COOZE DIRECTLY WITH REQUEST THAT CCITT PUBLISH NOTIFICATION THAT COMSAT GENERAL INTENDS TO USE FOLLOWING TWO TELEX CODES FOR MARISAT: 581 FOR ATLANTIC SERVICE AND 582 FOR PACIFIC SERVICE.

2. BUTLER ADVISED THAT CROZE ASKED THAT THIS REQUEST BE INCLUDED IN ITU "NOTIFICATIONS" PUBLICATION. BUTLER STATED THAT "NOTIFICATIONS" WAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT PUBLICATION AND THAT INFO SUPPLIED BY CCITT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. HE NOTED SPECIFICALLY THAT COMSAT GENERAL WAS NOT A RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCY (RPOA) AND THEREFORE HE NEEDED FURTHER INFORMATION: SPECIFICALLY STATEMENT FROM USG OR RPOA OR DESIGNATION BY USG OF COMSAT GENERAL AS ROPA. HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT COMSAT GENERAL HAD GONE TO CCITT DIRECTLY RATHER THAN CONTACT COMING FROM USG TO SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS USUAL CHANNEL. MISSION INFORMED BUTLER WE WOULD RELAY HIS COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT.

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3. TELATT RAISED MATTER WITH FREEMAN, DEPARTMENT, WHO

FORTUITOUSLY CALLED ON ANOTHER MATTER AFTER BUTLER'S CALL. FREEMAN ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD SENT CCITT TELEX ON MARCH 12 IN WHICH USG SUPPORTED APPLICATION WHICH AS NOW BEING MADE IN NAME OF COMSAT CORP, AN RPOA. ACCORDINGLY DEPARTMENT SAW NO NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION BY MISSIO OTHER THAN TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF TELEX BY CROZE.

4. CROZE CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S TELEX AND STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED MATTER IS SETTLED. HE TESTILY ADDED THAT MATTER CONCERNED CCITT AND THOUGHT IT NONE OF BUTLER'S BUSINESS.

5. SHORTLY THEREAFTER TELATT AGAIN SPOKE WITH BUTLER, WHO WAS UNAWARE OF DEPARTMENT'S TELEX. WHEN INFORMED OF ITS CONTENTS, BUTLER STATED THAT HE REQUIRED FURTHER INFORMATION AND THAT INFO PROVIDED STILL INSUFFICIENT. WHILE INFO ALREADY RECEIVED MIGHT BE ADEQUATE FOR CCITT, HE NOTED THAT "NOTIFICATIONS" IS PUBLISHED BY GENERAL SECRETARIAT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CONTENTS AND HE COULD NOT AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF MARISAT NOTICE UNTIL USG CLARIFIED FOLLOWING:

(1) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZATION OF MARISAT SPACE SEGMENT (COMSAT OR COMSAT GENERAL) AND

(2) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

BUTLER MUTTERED DARKLY HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS AFTER "WHAT HE SAW IN LONDON IN FEBURARY" (PRESUMABLY AT INMARSAT CONFERENCE) AND WHAT HE READ RECELNTLY IN TELECOMS REPORTS NO. 8, AND OTHER RECENT TELECOMS PUBLICATIONS. TELATT ADVISED BUTLER HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF FOREGOING.

6. ALTHOUGH MATTER APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF INTERNAL ITU JURISDICTIONAL BICKERING, WE WONDER IF BUTLER MIGHT BE ATTEMPTING TO ADVANCE POWER OF SECRETARIAT AND DIMINISH THAT OF CCITT BY ASSERTING VETO RIGHT OF SUBMISSIONS OF CCITT TO "NOTIFICATIONS" BY VIRTUE OF FACT THAT SECRETARIAT IS PUBLISHER OF DOCUMENT.

7. RATHER THAN BECOMING INVOLVED IN LENGTHY TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGE ON THIS MATTER, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT O'NEILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR FREEMAN PHONE BUTLER DIRECTLY IN EFFORT TO SOLVE PROBLEM. OF COURSE, IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES AGAINST THIS APPROACH, MISSION FULLY PREPARED TO TRANSMIT TO BUTLER AND/OR CROZE ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS MATTER. DALE

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